

CREDIT TO BEESON

"Only Girl" Prima Donna Is Really a Kansas Girl.

Encouragement by Dodge City Man "Made" Her.

What words of encouragement will do for a girl when given at the right time is illustrated in the success of Miss Elsie Baird, prima donna of "The Only Girl" musical comedy at the Grand theater tonight. Miss Baird is a Dodge City girl and she will go to that place tonight with the company to open the new Chalk Benson theater tomorrow.

"I can remember just as well the words of Mr. Beeson when he encouraged me to play and sing at his home," said Miss Baird, this noon. "After I had finished he came up to me—he always had time for everybody even though he was a very busy man—and said:

"Keep that up, little girl, and you will do something worth while some of these days."

"I always remembered that and in the days when I was working hard as a chorus girl those words stuck with me. I think they helped me to go on and I am certainly proud that I can be the one to open the new theater at Dodge City which is dedicated to his memory."

She is "Mrs. Burton" Now.

For the purposes of this interview there is no necessity for keeping an illusion so Miss Baird shall be called by her present name, Mrs. T. Burton, hereafter. Mr. and Mrs. Burton were seen in the room at the National hotel this noon, were most happy. They were looking forward to the events. The one at Dodge City already has been mentioned but the one they hold in biggest anticipation is the meeting of their seven-year-old son, Robert Baird Burton, at Davenport, Ia., next Monday.

"We are expecting to have a great time with the boy next week—Christmas," Mrs. Burton said and her big black eyes sparkled with a spirit of something not actuated by greed, paint or footlights. "The boy has been in school in New York but he is coming to Davenport for the holidays."

And here is where Mrs. Burton breaks in although his wife was the primary object of the interview.

"The boy's name is Robert Baird Burton and he's some kid," said Mrs. Burton. "Next Monday will be a big day for the Burton family."

It was years ago as Elsie Baird, of Dodge City, that Mrs. Burton broke into the musical comedy game. She worked in a chorus at St. Louis first.

"I'd rather not tell the name of the company," she said. "That's the car back and besides—well the last time I was in Kansas was eight years ago when I played in Topeka and Dodge City in 'The Marriage of Kitty'."

Most of the time since that I have been in New York. I was with the Hippodrome company as prima donna for three seasons in 'Under Many Flags,' 'Around the World,' and 'America.'"

"Usually chorus girls have their cherished ambition realized when they become prima donnas in a musical show but not so with Mrs. Burton. She still has a great desire to sing grand opera."

"But when I think of what it has cost some actresses—Farrar, for instance—to sing in opera houses, an impossible feat," she explained. "Still I hope to sing in opera some day."

Mrs. Burton is a large woman with dark eyes and jet-black hair. She is charming to talk to and is thoroughly a flesh and blood woman—not one of the painted ladies such as the illusionists would have people believe stage women to be.

"And the boy. Don't forget him," admonished Mr. Burton as the interview drew to a close. "He's the one asset that shows we are real."

So it goes. The actors on the stage who depict fictitious characters are real people in their rooms at the hotel.

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KATHERINE GOODSON

One Katherine Goodson, who has made something of a stir in the musical world, played a concert at the Grand theater Monday night, on the Radcliffe concert series. "Piano recitals are not, generally speaking, of a popular nature. Therefore, last night's crowd was sifted down to those who take their music seriously—many of them being professional musicians and earnest students. In many respects Miss Goodson's performance was satisfying, and it drew out a good deal of applause. Her playing has technical brilliance and finish; it also has an abundance of dash and exhibits a strong rhythmic sense. It likewise expresses a deep sense of the poetical beauty of such numbers as the Andante of Mozart's A Major sonata. Her tones are delicately shaded, her touch and her power of crescendo masterful, and she plays with artistic fire, tempered with good taste.

And yet—many musicians in the house looked at that program and groaned. It was a heavy bit of going to the opera, but it was a deal of singing for the newer pastures. Mozart, Brahms, Beethoven, Chopin, and Liszt were given, but it was a deal of singing for the newer pastures. Mozart, Brahms, Beethoven, Chopin, and Liszt were given, but it was a deal of singing for the newer pastures.

Miss Goodson is a pianist of the highest quality. The music she plays has been given by world famous pianists for Topeka audiences. It may be her English conservatism that keeps her from playing the new music, but it would have been a more stirring program had some of the numbers been from the pens of some of the new Russian writers, for instance, or from the charming Scandinavian music of the day, or perhaps Debussy, dindy, Charpentier, or even the arch-novator, Richard Strauss.

In music, as in literature, the decorative element is no longer supreme. The writers of the times are not professional martyrs nor haloed saints, but they are human beings who ache with human sorrows and follow, and they are in the thick of our stupidities, our selfishness and our romance. We like that sharp stringency with its fierce contempt for precedent and rule, and we go to the writers who express the fever in our blood and the misery in our bones. It is this close-to-the-actual that helps to distinguish the new music from the old and helps to find its place in the modern mind and in the life of the Twentieth Century.

Miss Goodson is undoubtedly a pianist of power and ability, but as a program maker she seems to lack, so far as her recital here is concerned, the temerity to venture into the new fields of musical expression.

B. H.

SILENT IN ANCONA CASE

No Action Against Zwiednick and von Nuber Until Austria Replies—Cabinet Meeting Tame.

Washington, Dec. 14.—No action in the cases of Baron Zwiednick, Austro-Hungarian charge here, and Alexander von Nuber, Austro-Hungarian consul general at New York, will be taken until after the Ancona case is disposed of.

Officers said after the cabinet meeting that for the present nothing would be done as a result of charges that the two Austro-Hungarian officials violated the neutrality of the United States.

No indication of what Austro-Hungary's reply to the American note on the Ancona attack would be had been received today, and at the cabinet meeting no details of the situation were taken up.

At Secretary Lansing's conference with Mr. Wilson just before the cabinet assembled, the subject was against the removal of Germans and Austrians from American steamers by a fleet and blood woman—not one of the painted ladies such as the illusionists would have people believe stage women to be.

The cabinet meeting was devoted principally to a discussion of domestic questions.

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Former Topekan Is Made Santa Fe Valuation Engineer.

Other Items of General Interest in the Traffic World.

K. E. Duncan has been appointed valuation engineer of the Santa Fe eastern lines, effective at once. This was announced in Topeka today by C. W. Kouns, regional manager.

Duncan is well known in Topeka, where he formerly resided as office engineer. He was later transferred to Galveston as engineer of the Gulf lines. On account of the additional work required of the railway company in the government valuation campaign the office of valuation engineer has been created.

TO DEDICATE NEW STATION.

Santa Fe Officials to Feed on Fried Chicken at Spencer.

The people of Spencer, Kan., seven miles east of Topeka, will celebrate the completion of their new depot with a dinner of fried chicken and fried chicken dinner in honor of officials of the Santa Fe railway. The Grange band will furnish the music and there will be speeches by Spencer folks and the railway men. E. L. Copehland, R. J. Farnham, J. P. Jarrell and other Santa Fe men will go from Topeka.

GRABBED THE FENDER

Edward Bass, a Boy 7 Years Old, Narrowly Escaped Being Run Over by an Auto.

Edward Bass, a 7 year old boy, narrowly escaped injury Monday night when he ran in front of a limousine owned by H. A. Auerbach and driven by Auerbach's chauffeur, Ervin Green, on Kansas avenue. The boy saved himself by grabbing the fender and the car came to a stop.

The Bass boy was waiting in front of a store for his mother, who was in another institution. The superintendent, however, verified the statement of the boy that no credit was given for work done elsewhere this term. He denied though that any attempt would be made to hold back any credit other than those which the girls might have made this year.

According to the girls, one of them accompanied by her father called on the superintendent today, in an effort to obtain permission to complete the term's work under a tutor.

MUST PAY TWO RATES

Interstate Commerce Commission Ruling Today of Great Interest to Kansas Millers.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The interstate commerce commission decided today against California millers in their application for an order requiring railroads to grant them a special transit privilege at California millage points on wheat shipped from Kansas and neighboring states as well as from California. The commission ruled that the privilege must be granted to all wheat shipped from the states of California, Oregon, Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and other points east of the Rocky mountains.

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THIS WELL IS DEEP

Wherein Lies the Truth Regarding the Controversy Between Suspended H. S. Girls and School Board.

That Superintendent H. B. Wilson will not permit the girls to study either through private tutoring or attendance at a private school was the charge made today by one of the fourteen girls suspended by the board of education last night, following a public hearing at which the girls were charged with having secured a private school for any work that the girls may take this term.

Wilson this afternoon declared that one of the girls or their parents had called upon him today with a view of obtaining permission for the girls to attend a private school in another institution. The superintendent, however, verified the statement of the girls that no credit was given for work done elsewhere this term. He denied though that any attempt would be made to hold back any credit other than those which the girls might have made this year.

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Members City Civil Service Commission Didn't Know "Felonious" Was in Dictionary.

T. B. Garrett, member of the city civil service commission, denied today that the recent examinations had been suggested in order to insure that Mrs. Georgia Hall would be one of the two qualified for appointment as police court clerk. This charge has been made by Mrs. H. N. Rhodes, another member of the commission.

Mrs. Rhodes makes the accusation that I made up questions to make it easy for Mrs. Hall to pass the examination," said Garrett. "She quotes such words as 'mercenary' and 'kingdom' I plead guilty to selecting these words. Mrs. Hall received a grade of 85 in spelling and got an even 100 in arithmetic. Mrs. Rhodes, however, got 100 in spelling and 100 in arithmetic."

Mr. Garrett stated today that during the October examination he selected the words in spelling and was astonished when Mrs. Rhodes and L. O. Maxwell, who was then a member of the commission, put out the word "felonious" declaring there was no such word.

Mrs. Hall has been serving as police court clerk under appointment by Mayor J. E. House. Under the civil service rules the appointment for an indefinite period is made only to applicants making the highest grades. When the papers were graded by the commission last week two applicants for the position of police court clerk made higher grades than Mrs. Hall and it appeared that she was not eligible for reappointment. However, Mr. Garrett states that the grade he had given her on penmanship was too low, and it was raised. The raising of the grade put her among the first two and at Monday's meeting of the city commission she was reappointed to the position.

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